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**BALTIMORE MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF ATF AGENT
AND BALTIMORE CITY POLICE OFFICER**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today a federal grand jury has indicted Taki Hughes, age 29, of Baltimore, Maryland for attempted murder of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) special agent and a Baltimore City police officer, and for using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence.

The four-count indictment charges Hughes with attempting to kill ATF Special Agent Gabriel Scott Mamock and Detective James Bradley of the Baltimore City Police Department while they were engaged in the performance of their official duties, by discharging a firearm at Agent Mamock and Detective Bradley. According to the affidavit in support of a criminal complaint filed on May 31, 2005, in the early evening of May 25, 2005 Special Agent Mamock and Baltimore City Detective Bradley were traveling in an unmarked vehicle and approaching the 1700 block of East Federal Street when they observed Hughes, whose identity was unknown at the time, involved in a shootout with an unknown person(s). Special Agent Mamock and Detective Bradley stopped and exited their vehicle, identified themselves as the police and gave loud clear verbal commands for Hughes to put down the weapon and place his hands on his head. Hughes looked at the agent and

detective and fled. Detective Bradley and Special Agent Mamock, who were in plain clothes wearing raid gear comprised of ballistic vests with their respective agency indicia as well as badges and identification cards displayed, pursued him. During this pursuit, Hughes turned and pointed his firearm back at Detective Bradley and Special Agent Mamock, and fired two times, both of which struck a tree in the alley to the rear of the 1700 block of East Federal Street that the detective and agent had taken cover behind. The detective and agent continued their pursuit, but eventually lost sight of Hughes.

The affidavit further alleges that a Lincoln Continental was found in the middle of the 1700 block of East Federal Street with the engine running, passenger side door open and several bullet holes in the back windshield. Detectives found that the vehicle was registered to Hughes. That same evening, detectives obtained a booking photograph of Hughes which the detective and agent, separately, identified as the male who had discharged a firearm at them.

The affidavit further alleges that at about 11:10 p.m. that evening, police detectives became aware that a male at Sinai Hospital, who was suffering from a gun shot wound to the right leg and who had lied about his identity, was finally identified as Hughes.

United States Attorney Allen Loucks stated that “The charges in this indictment are an example of the serious, personal risks that our law enforcement partners face each day in working to keep our communities safe. We will vigorously investigate and pursue all crimes which threaten the lives of our police officers and agents.”

“The indictment today sends a clear message. We will not tolerate threats or attempts of violence against members of our law enforcement family. ATF will continue to pursue those violent offenders that not only jeopardize the lives of law enforcement, but also the lives of our law abiding

citizens,” said ATF Special Agent in Charge Theresa R. Stoop.

Hughes faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Hughes had his initial appearance on June 1, 2005 on charges alleged in the criminal complaint and was ordered detained at the detention hearing on June 3.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of a joint investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Baltimore City Police Department and the United States Attorney’s Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John F. Purcell.